

# News Release



CHURCHILL DOWNS

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## **MEDIA TOUR OF CHURCHILL DOWNS' CAPITAL PROJECTS: NEW SUITES, PARKING**

**What:** Churchill Downs Racetrack officials will give media a tour of its \$69 million capital projects (\$37 million on the new Starting Gate Suites and \$32 million to improve the parking and transportation experience) in advance of Saturday's Opening Night program.

**Speakers:** Kevin Flanery, Churchill Downs Racetrack President  
Ryan Jordan, Churchill Downs Racetrack General Manager  
Katherine North, RunSwitch PR

**When:** **Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. EDT.**

**Where:** **Executive Gate (formerly known as Gate 1), Churchill Downs.** Please enter Churchill Downs through the Executive Gate off Central Avenue (next to the Kentucky Derby Museum and Barbaro statue). We will meet in the lobby then proceed to the new Starting Gate Suites for a tour and media briefing. After, we will tour the new Paddock Gate area and further discuss the parking and transportation center enhancements.

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**Background:** Churchill Downs Racetrack is nearing completion of two significant capital projects.

The new Starting Gate Suites, which overlook the start of the Kentucky Derby at the top of the homestretch, deliver more than 1,800 new seats for this year's Derby through the addition of 32 new luxury suites as well as interior dining and third-floor Grandstand seats.

Phase one of the Parking and Transportation project features a significantly-enlarged, highly-efficient bus depot and additional transportation infrastructure for more than 170,000 guests that attend the Derby each year, while also enhancing the overall traffic and parking flow for guests who visit Churchill Downs throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.KentuckyDerbyParking.com](http://www.KentuckyDerbyParking.com).

Opening Night for Derby Week and the 38-day Spring Meet at Churchill Downs is Saturday at 6 p.m. EDT. Gates will open at 5 p.m.

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